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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

Dear Sir:

This paper accompanies the filing of an RCE. Authorization is hereby given to charge the deposit account of the undersigned, to wit Deposit Account No. 06-0540, an amount equal to \$860.00 to cover the RCE filing fee of \$385 and a 3-month extension of time fee of \$475.00. This communication is responsive to the Official Action mailed February 20, 2004 (the "Office Action," hereinafter) and to the advisory action dated mailed August 17, 2004 (the "Advisory Action," hereinafter). If it is determined that any other fee, including additional extension of time fees, must accompany this filing, please consider this our authorization to charge deposit account of the undersigned accordingly.

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ATTN: REFUND

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REQUEST FOR REFUND OF EXTENSION OF TIME FEE

REFUND REQUEST

On April 20, 2004, applicant mailed a Response to a Final Office Action to the Patent Office. This filing was in response to a Final Office Action mailed by the Examiner on February 20, 2004. The Response to Final was mailed within the two-month period for response.

The Examiner's Advisory Action was not smalled until 8/17/2004 (i.e., five months and 27 days after the Final rejection was originally issued). A faxed copy of the Advisory Action was received by applicant's attorney on 8/18/2004.

On 8/20/2004, applicant's attorney propared and filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) that included, out of an overal midance of cauchy, a Petition for Three Month Extension of Time. Applicant has now determined that the Extension of Time should have been calculated from the date the Advisory Action was malled (i.e., August 17, 2004) and, in that case, Applicant would have needed to pay for a one month (sather than a three month) extension of time.

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I hereby cartify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being fixed to Refund, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office facsimile telephone No. 703/308-6778 this day of September, 2004.

Carol Welch

The deposit account of Applicant's attorney (060540) was reduced by \$475.00 on August 25, 2004, under Seq. #47 (copy of deposit attenuant for 06-0540 for August 2004 attached).

2. FEES CHARGED FOR WHICH REFUND REQUESTED

Amount of Refund Requested

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\$475.00

3. FEES WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN CHARGED

X Fee Code #2251 - Request for One-Month
Extension of Time

\$55.00

TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED \$420.00

4. EXPLANATION OF WHY CHARGES SHOULD BE REFUNDED.

Applicant responded within the two-month shortened time for response to a final Office Action. The Advisory Action was mailed after the end of the Three Month shortened statutory period. Therefore, the shortened statutory period expired on the date the Advisory Action was mailed and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) was to be calculated from the mailing date of the Advisory Action (i.e., August 17, 2004).

5. MANNER OF REFUND

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